GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA

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FOREST DWELLERS
Dhruvanarayana Shri Rangaswamy

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any survey regarding the forest dwellers in the country;

(b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof indicating the number of forest dwellers residing inside the Forest Areas, category and State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to provide residential accommodation including infrastructure facilities for their resettlement outside the forest area?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a)& (b) This Ministry has not carried out any survey regarding the forest dwellers in the country.

(c) The Ministry provides financial and technical assistance to the Governments of States /Union Territories for various activities under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of 'Project Tiger' and 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats'. One of the approved activities includes a provision for relocation of settlements from Critical Tiger Habitats and Protected Areas. As per the approved scheme, a grant of Rs. 10.00 lakh per family to be relocated is provided. The relocation is required to be done in conformity with the provisions of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006,